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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/051,321	<b>Applicant(s)</b> LOLAYEKAR ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b> Ramsey Refai	<b>Art Unit</b> 3627

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to Board Decision rendered 06/29/09.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-23.

3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All b)  Some\* c)  None of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application

2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
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7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment

4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

/Ramsey Refai/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3627

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The period under 37 CFR 1.304 for seeking court review of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered June 29, 2009 has expired and no further action has been taken by appellant. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against claim(s) **1-6, 8-20, and 24-44**, but reversed all rejections against claim(s) **21-23**. Therefore, claims **1-6, 8-20, and 24-44 are cancelled** by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. **Claims 21-23 are allowed.**

#### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As noted on pages 16-17 of the Board Decision rendered on June 29, 2009, Applicants invoked the language of 35 USC 112 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph . The Applicant asserted that the means in claim 21 is the Storage Processor Unit 701. The Specification describes that the SPU comprises: a Packet Aggregation and Classification Engine (PACE) 704, a Packet Processing Unit (PPU) 706, an SRAM 705, and a CAM 707 and each PACE has a dedicated path to a PPU 706 while four PACEs share a data path to the CPU 714. The Board interpreted the means plus function language to include these enumerated elements. Since claim 21 imports these limitations, it is asserted that none of the prior art of record, neither singularly nor in combination teach claim 21.

Claims 22-23 depend upon claim 21 and are allowed based on their dependency to claim 21.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ramsey Refai whose telephone number is (571) 272-3975. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ryan Zeender can be reached on (571) 272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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